



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAJI, et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/437,296**

Examiner: **DUNWOODY, Aaron M.**

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For: **FLUID COUPLING**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 13, 2006

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: